# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE:

**COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. and** 

CF/SPC NGU, INC.

Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Plaintiff,

 $\mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$ 

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SPECIALTY LINES INSURANCE COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

WILLIAM R. BARTMANN, et al.,

Third-Party/Non-Debtor Defendants.

MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS, CLERK LUS. BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

Case No. 98-05162-R (Chapter 11)

Case No. 98-05166R (Chapter 11) Jointly Administered with Case No. 98-05162-R

Hon. Terrence L. Michael

Adv. No. 00-0244-M

### **JUDGMENT**

NOW ON this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2001 comes on for consideration all parties Agreed Application for Judgment Confirming Arbitration Award and Directing Disbursement of Funds (the "Agreed Application"). The Court, upon consideration of the Agreed Application, and the pleadings and orders filed herein, finds as follows:

- 1. The parties to this adversary proceeding entered into extensive settlement negotiations, resulting in the execution of a comprehensive settlement agreement dated August 23, 2001 (the "Settlement Agreement"). On August 24, 2001, CFS filed a Motion for Approval of Settlement of Insurance Coverage Litigation and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, seeking court approval of the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement was approved by this Court through its Order of September 17, 2001, ("Order Approving Settlement") which also authorized the ABS Trust to prosecute this action as assignee of CFS.
- 2. In accordance with the terms of the approved Settlement Agreement, AISLIC and National Union are holding the sum of \$10.4 million dollars, plus interest accrued as provided in the Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Fund"), pending this Court's order of disbursement.
- 3. The Settlement Agreement provides that the Settlement Fund will be allocated among the parties pursuant to an arbitration to be held in accordance with the more specific terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Rules and Procedures Governing Arbitration of Entitlement to Insurance Proceeds, appended to the Settlement Agreement.
- 4. Additionally, the Settlement Agreement provides that the ABS Liquidating Trustee, as successor to the ABS Committee, withdraws its Motion to Intervene and its Motion to Expunge previously filed in this adversary proceeding. Likewise, Gertrude Brady withdraws her Application for Citation for Contempt against the ABS Committee and its counsel.
- 5. The parties agreed that John Leo Wagner (the "Arbitrator") would act as the sole independent arbitrator to whom evidence of all parties' claims to the Settlement Fund would be presented, after which he would issue a final and unappealable arbitration award.
- 6. On October 24, 25 and 26, 2001, the parties presented evidence and argument to the Arbitrator. In accordance with the Arbitrator's obligations under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Arbitrator issued his ruling on November 15, 2001 allocating the Settlement

Fund among the parties to the arbitration. A copy of the Arbitrator's ruling ("Arbitration Award") is attached to the Agreed Application.

- 7. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, this Court is to enter a judgment deeming the motions and application described in paragraph 4 above as withdrawn, confirming the Arbitration Award and ordering a distribution from the Settlement Fund in accordance therewith. All fees and costs incurred by the Arbitrator, and certain arbitration related costs of all parties, are to be paid first from the Settlement Fund.
- 8. There is no objection to the Arbitrator's statement for services rendered, in the amount of \$38,011.95. There is no objection to the ABS Trust statement for expenses in the amount of \$20,007.35. There is no objection to the Individual Defendants' statement for expenses in the amount of \$2,984.93. There is no objection to the calculation of interest due under the Settlement Agreement from AISLIC and National Union in the amount of \$29,682.74.
- 9. All parties to this proceeding have agreed to the terms of this Judgment confirming the Arbitration Award and ordering distribution of the Settlement Funds.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the above findings be included herein as the Order of this Court, that the Arbitration Award be and is hereby affirmed and that the funds subject to the arbitration proceeding be distributed as follows: (a) John L. Wagner is awarded \$38,011.95; (b) the ABS Trust is awarded \$2,567,122.82; (c) William Bartmann, c/o his Qualified Settlement Fund, is awarded \$1,052,649.70; (d) Kathryn Bartmann, c/o her Qualified Settlement Fund, is awarded \$1,052,649.70; (e) Caroline Benediktson, c/o her Qualified Settlement Fund, is awarded \$1,152,649.70; (f) Gertrude Brady, c/o R. Thomas Seymour, Attorneys, Client Trust Account, is awarded \$1,168,649.70; (g) Bruce Hadden, c/o his Qualified Settlement Fund, is awarded \$1,052,649.70; (h) Jay L. Jones, c/o his Qualified Settlement Fund, is awarded \$1,052,649.70; (h) Jay L. Jones, c/o his Qualified Settlement Fund, is awarded \$1,052,649.70; (i) Michael Temple, c/o his Qualified

Settlement Fund, is awarded \$1,052,649.70; (j) Charles Welsh, c/o his Qualified Settlement Fund, is awarded \$240,000; and (k) the amounts awarded to each of Bill Bartmann, Kathryn Bartmann, Benediktson, Hadden, Jones, Temple and Welsh shall be paid to or deemed to be awarded to a Qualified Settlement Fund under Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code, as established pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and the Order Approving Settlement, and shall be subject to the continuing jurisdiction of this Court. The Court further finds that all sums awarded to William Bartmann, Kathryn Bartmann, Benediktson, Brady, Hadden, Jones, Temple and Welsh shall be disbursed and utilized in acquardance with the terms of the Settlement

Agreement, including Section 2.8 thereof.

Dated this 29 day of November, 2001.

Terrence L. Michael

United States Bankruptcy Judge

Order agreed to and submitted by:

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